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CONCORDIA STINGERS HOST OTTAWA GEE-GEES SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

Head coach, Skip Rochette will receive his University baptism of fire this Saturday afternoon as the Concordia Stingers host the Ottawa Gee-Gees as regular season play in the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference gets underway this weekend. <u>Game time is 2 p.m.</u> at the Concordia Athletic Complex, 7200 Sherbrooke Street West (Loyola Campus).

Rochette feels that his team emerged from Sunday's Jamboree at Molson Stadium in good shape. The Jamboree afforded everyone valuable game experience and the Stingers will go into Saturday's game without a major injury.

"I am satisfied with the development of the team so far," Rochette stated after viewing the films of Sunday's Jamboree. "We must eliminate our mental mistakes if we are going to be a contender. But you must remember that this is a very young team that will improve with each performance."

The rookie coach also felt that the Stingers and Gee-Gees played even when they scrimmaged each other. "Both offensive squads moved the ball well," Rochette observed. "However it is difficult to evaluate how much experimenting the Ottawa coach did against us."

One player the Stinger defense should see a lot of on Saturday is running back, Dave Behm. Behm led the Gee-Gees in rushing last season, gaining 634 yards in 117 carries for a 5.4 average.

Saturday's game will also mark the debut of Cam Innes as head coach of the Gee-Gees. Innes, who replaces Jim Chiarelli, had an outstanding record as head coach of the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in the Atlantic Conference.